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PIVOT LINK FOR SHEET BENDING BRAKE AND SHEET BENDING BRAKE
INCLUDING PIVOT LINK

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary dated December 18, 2006, the Applicant provides the following statement of the substance of the interview. On December 18, 2006 a telephonic interview initiated by the Applicant was conducted, wherein independent claim 10, and those claims depending therefrom, was discussed in light of U.S. Patent No. 3,490,309 to Gustavson.

The Examiner stated that claim 10, and those claims depending therefrom, did not define over Gustavson because Gustavson's guide mechanism included a rod/bolt 14 inserted through a pair of slots 15 with a spring 17 between the rod/bolt and the end of the pocket at pin 18. The Examiner pointed out that the rod/bolt 14 rides in the slot 15 and is biased by the spring 17. The Examiner indicated that this rod/bolt 14 movement within the slot 15 would be required when the lever 13 is rotated about pin 11.

The Applicant disagreed with the Examiner's assertion that Gustavson disclosed the claimed structure and argued that the function of the structure disclosed by Gustavson was not the same as the claimed invention. Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached as a result of the telephonic interview.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 723-0487 if any unresolved matters remain.

Any needed extension of time is hereby requested with the filing of this document.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2789. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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